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In the Application of Björn Liedtke

Ser.No.: Not Yet Known (Based on De 199 27 516.5 filed 16 June 1999 and PCT/EP00/05442 filed 14 June 2000)

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A DATA CARRIER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On ~~page 1~~, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of ~~the~~ Invention--.

On ~~page 3~~, between ~~lines 4 and 5~~, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--.

On ~~page 7~~, between ~~lines 6 and 7~~, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawing--;

On ~~page 7~~, between ~~lines 20 and 21~~, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Preferred Embodiments--.

~~N.E.~~ On page 13, line 11, please replace the number "32" with the number "42".

On ~~page 16~~, line ~~8~~, please replace the number "~~63~~" with the number "~~63~~".

~~7~~ On ~~page 18~~, after line 17, please insert the following paragraph: